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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 8 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Official Action of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated August 28, 2009. Inasmuch as this response is filed by January 28, 2010, it is filed concurrently with a Request for Two-Month Extension of Time. However, if the Office deems any additional fee to be required, Applicants expressly authorize the charging of such fee to Deposit Account 19-0089.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

Remarks begin on page 8.